REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are in the case. The applicants have studied the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 and believe the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,314,565, the Kenner reference, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,262,726, the Stedman reference, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,894,515, the Hsu reference. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,314,565, the Kenner reference, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,262,726, the Stedman reference, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,894,515, the Hsu reference, and U.S. Pat. No. 6,205,476, the Hayes reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 8 is directed to a "method of installing an application program for execution on a data processing system" comprising *inter alia* "authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the application program..." It is the Examiner's position that the Stedman reference teaches "storing user configurations of an operating system for the purposes of application customization (Column 6, lines 58-62)." The applicants disagree. However, even if the Stedman citation is correctly characterized by the Examiner, a point not conceded by the present applicants, the Examiner's citation to the Stedman reference makes clear that it is initialization of the operating system which prompts the user to enter a username and password, not a response to a request for an application program:

> In order to initialize the operating system, the user must enter his or her username and password. This information identifies the user uniquely to the operating system. Configuration files 220, the registry in Windows NT™, keeps track of the particular user using the operating system. The configuration files 220 maintain a profile for each user, which includes the details of the desktop layout 210 for the particular user. When operating system is invoked for the first time at step 610,

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the registry containing the user profile is read along with a run once key. The user

would have entered their user name and password upon invoking the operating

system, identifying the user to the operating system. Stedman reference, Col. 6,

lines 55 *et seq.*

The Examiner has cited no portion of the Stedman reference which in any manner teaches

or suggests "authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the

application program..." as required by claim 8.

The Examiner's citations to the Kenner, Hsu and Hayes references are similarly deficient.

Indeed, the Examiner concedes that the Kenner reference does not "teach that the configuration

of the application program is a user configuration, nor does he teach determining that the user

configuration corresponds to the particular user." Accordingly, even if the references were

combined in the manner suggested by the Examiner, none of the references considered alone or

in combination, in any manner teaches or suggests a "method of installing an application program

for execution on a data processing system" comprising *inter alia* "authenticating the particular

user in response to the particular user requesting the application program..." as required by claim

8.

Independent claims 1 and 15 may be distinguished in a similar fashion. Claims 2-7, 9-14

and 16-21 depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1, 8 or 15. Accordingly, the rejection

of these claims is improper for the reasons given above. Moreover, claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-21

include additional limitations, which in combination with the base and intervening claims from

which they depend provide still further grounds of patentability over the cited art.

The Examiner has made various comments concerning the obviousness of certain features

of the present inventions. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants have addressed those

comments directly hereinabove or the Examiner's comments are deemed moot in view of the

above response.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-21 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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